

BEAUTIFYING CITIES

Ladies Civic Improvement Societies and What They Are Doing

OPPORTUNITY IN ASTORIA

The Work Being Done and Accomplished in Other Cities is Worthy of Emulation by the Ladies of Astoria if They Will Take the Time.

In every exchange appears articles on what the good ladies of the different cities and towns are doing in the way of cleaning up the yards and beautifying the streets. Astoria is always behind on every movement of this character. There seems to be a lack of home pride, and the yards and streets of Astoria are a disgrace to modern civilization. The following shows what is being done in other cities and should be emulated by the people of Astoria.

The life of the movement for civic beauty is shown by the constant increase of the numbers of local improvement associations. At Texarkana, Texas, the Civic Improvement League, the object of which is to obtain better educational, sanitary and scenic conditions in the city, has been formed recently. This is at the west side of the city and another league is to be formed on the east side, because it is thought that each local league will have to do with much that could not be jointly looked after with success. Committees of five from each ward of the city were appointed by the chair to visit every part of their respective wards and to recommend to the league the improvement needed in each locality. It was determined to take up the work systematically and to give the work of sanitation first place. The city is divided into wards and each ward will be taken up street by street and block by block.

The initiative has been taken in the formation of a Civic Art Club in the chamber of commerce in Erie, Pa. The Women's Club of that city writes as follows: "We have been searching out in different directions for instructions, and we have already made quite a start in the way of awakening interest among our citizens, and do feel as though we had given the initiative to the organizing of a Civic Art Club in the chamber of commerce of Erie."

"Remembering Charles Dudley Warner's 'Little Red Bonnet,' we began in a modest way to plant and cultivate the school grounds about the central school building, which has done much toward attracting attention in that direction, and the children, much to the surprise of many fearful ones, are proud of their grounds, and would not molest, nor allow others to do, for anything, and the spirit of beautifying is already growing."

"The ground about our postoffice, a beautiful building in the center of the main thoroughfare, has been woefully neglected and these we secured to cultivate, and soon after our work was done the authorities at the court house began a work on their grounds which made a wonderful improvement. So we see before us what the effort of a bit of work in the right direction means."

"We have succeeded in putting the matter of garbage collection into the hands of the health board, and now that body find themselves under the vigilant inspection of a few determined, yet lastful women, and you know what that means."

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments By a Layman.

The Japanese are said to be wearied from the long pursuit of the Russians, but they are not half as tired as the czar will be when he hears about it.

Rev. Cordova, the eloping parson of New Jersey, says he is guilty and glad of it. Even if his religion is a little frayed his optimism is admirable.

Having been excommunicated by the Mormon church authorities, the editor of The Salt Lake Tribune is now in a position to communicate more freely with the public.

They might call an investigating committee now to try those Honolulu doctors on a charge of unprofessional conduct in agreeing as to what ailed Mrs. Stanford.

The Jersey City landlords bar phonographs as well as babies. Dogs already being barred, the poor women will have to amuse themselves with nothing better than their husbands.

A "spook" arrested in a New York raid on a spiritualist meeting weighed 300 pounds. It's a cliché where that spirit hailed from—it never could climb

up to the pearly gates.

Short—Hello, Long! Where are you going?

Long—I'm on my way over to the postoffice to register a kick against the miserable delivery service.

"What's the trouble?"

"Why, that check you promised to mail me ten days ago hasn't reached me yet."

It is rumored that the crown prince of Siam is to marry the 14-year-old daughter of the emperor of Japan. He spoke for her on the day he bought the cradle.

The Claskanline Chief thinks merchants should be prompt in presenting their accounts. A druggist of that place recently brought a young man in that town a bill two years old, and the first part of the bill was a charge for a box of chocolates and on the other end was a charge for one nursing bottle. How time does fly.

And now fatal germs of disease lurk in the mouth pieces of the telephone. Where is the inventive genius who will give us the wireless mouth-pieceless, hello-girlless telephone? Our meats and milk are poison, our water is full of bacilli, our canned goods are loaded with ptomaine, and our religion is adulterated. Isn't it about time for the millennium?

JURY DISAGREED.

Case Concluded in the Circuit Court Yesterday.

The finishing of taking testimony in the Allen libel suit was completed about noon yesterday. It has narrowed down to a question of veracity between Hahn and Allen and this is what the jury will have to decide. Judge McBride charged the jury in effect, that the burden of proof was on the prosecution to show that the article had been published by the defendant, and after that the burden was upon the defendant to show that the statements in the article were true, or that there was reason to believe them true.

After being out two hours the jury requested further instructions which were given. The jury retired and at 11 o'clock last night sent word to Judge McBride that it was impossible for them to agree and the judge discharged them. It is understood that the jury stood 8 to 4 for acquittal. It is not probable that the case will ever be tried again, but it no doubt settles the Astoria postoffice question, so far as Mr. Hahn is concerned.

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The finale to the hold up at the corner of Tenth and Commercial came to a close yesterday when Paul Corio, who had picked up Mr. Kellogg's watch, which it was claimed had been lost, or stolen, and returned it to the owner. During the scuffle Mr. Kellogg lost his watch and supposed it had fallen overboard. Mr. Corio picked up the watch the next morning and did not know who it belonged to until it was advertised.

Special representatives of the Star theater in Chicago have secured some attractions for Astoria commencing tomorrow night that will excel any performance heretofore given. Among the attractions will be the two brothers Bunts, the greatest acrobatic team in the world, who perform some wonderful feats in balancing, head and head, and they are justly called the marvels of the age. The celebrated Kronans, a comedy sketch team, will make you laugh to look at them. Rynar and Melbourne, the celebrated comedy sketch and dancing artists, are a whole show in themselves. Nellie Emerson, the serio-comic and dance artists will be one of the attractions. Richard Charles of Chicago, in pictorial melodies, is said to be exceptionally good. This splendid bill cannot but fill the Star theater every night next week, and is probably one of the best bills ever presented at this popular play house.

The laughable comedy drama, "Your Neighbor's Wife," which will be seen at Fishers' opera house next Tuesday is in three acts by Chas. Ellis, which provides Master Dunbar, the greatest child actor on the American stage as "Buster Brown," with just the sort of speeches that sound funny when he delivers them, but would not if spoken by anyone else. The repetition of certain aside remarks which he interjects parenthetically and in the most irrelevant way as in "Little Lord Fauntleroy" and the vehicles, contributes much to the merriment of his

scene. Instead of these little squibs and gobs becoming flat and stale, they sound funnier the more often they are repeated in the inimitable tones of Master Dunbar who is ably assisted by James T. McGovern as Happy Hooligan. The musical numbers compel the owner, Mr. Hugh Ettinger, to carry a band and orchestra of solo players. The free concert given by these clever musicians on the above date in the afternoon and evening in front of the theater is well worth coming miles to hear. Seat sale opens tomorrow morning at Griffin's book store.

Marine News.

The steamer Columbia left out yesterday for San Francisco with freight and passengers.

The schooner Polaris, with a cargo of lumber went to sea yesterday.

The steamship Ellerie left out yesterday for the Orient.

The steamer Guy, Howard left for Vancouver yesterday with a team of soldiers from the forts for the field meet, which occurred there yesterday.

The German bark Henrietta arrived in yesterday from Antwerp of cement for the forts at the mouth of the river.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Occident.

D. B. Wilson, Denver.
J. W. Cook, Portland.
F. M. Warren, Portland.
H. J. Gregory, Portland.
S. Farrell, Portland.
Victor Brandt, Portland.
T. H. Crang, Portland.
H. Hamblet, Portland.
E. W. Preston, Warrenton.
P. C. Warren, Warrenton.

SOCIETY CIRCLES.

Social and Personal Happenings in Astoria During the Week.

Mrs. Broadwater has gone to Sacramento, Cal.

Miss Taylor of Flavel visited friends in Astoria on Thursday.

Mrs. J. T. Healey is visiting friends and relatives in Portland.

Mrs. Victor E. Beno and son are visiting friends in Portland.

Dr. Charles A. Cordiner visited relatives and friends in this city on Thursday.

A few of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Morse spent the evening with them on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Tallant have returned from an extended trip to New York city.

Mrs. J. P. Badollet entertained the young ladies of the Thursday Afternoon Club this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Gerdes have returned from a short visit with relatives and friends in Cathlamet.

Mrs. Howes entertained the members of the Birthday Club on Wednesday in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. A. Scherneck entertained a few of her friends on Wednesday afternoon in honor of her birthday.

A few of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Rober spent a pleasant evening with them on Thursday.

Mrs. Eben W. Tallant entertained the ladies of the Friday Afternoon Club this week at her home on Grand avenue.

Miss Mona Rees, who is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. James W. Welch, has returned from a short trip to Portland.

Mrs. Beard entertained the ladies of the Degree of Honor yesterday afternoon in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Mrs. A. M. Smith, Mrs. Frank Patton, Clyde Fulton, Miss Nell Carnahan and Nello Johnson proved to be the winners of the prizes.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal church and their friends will be entertained by Mrs. A. R. Cyrus on next Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Alby and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harmon of Portland spent part of the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rober in this city.

The ladies of the Woman's Club and a few of their invited guests anticipate spending a pleasant afternoon next Saturday with Mrs. O. B. Estes and Miss Pearl Estes.

The Native Daughters of Oregon and a few of their invited guests held a social evening on Thursday evening in the chamber of commerce rooms. Refreshments were served and those present enjoyed themselves playing cards.

The members of Charity Lodge, Degree of Honor, held a banquet at the close of their regular session on Thursday evening and all present enjoyed themselves very much. The ladies of the order will be entertained by Mrs. Frederick Wright on Thursday afternoon at her home in East Astoria.

Grave Trouble Foreseen.

It needs but little foresight to tell that when your stomach and liver are badly affected, grave trouble is ahead unless you take the proper medicine for your disease, as Mrs. John A. Young of Clay, N. Y., did. She says: "I had neuralgia of the liver and stomach, my heart was weakened, and I could not eat. I was very bad for a long time, but in Electric Bitters, I found just what I needed, for they quickly relieved and cured me." Best medicine for weak women. Sold under guarantee by Chas. Rogers, druggist, at 50c a bottle.

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Church Notices.

Baptist church—S. M. Brumback, president of the McMinnville college, will speak at 11 a. m. in the interest of higher education. Let all that possibly can give him a hearing. All other services of the church will be as usual.

Norwegian and Danish M. E. church, Upper Astoria—Rev. Aug. Petersen, the pastor, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Young people's prayer meeting at 7 p. m.

No services or Sunday school at the First Lutheran church tomorrow. In a week, however, we will be able to hold services in the church. The pastor, Gustaf E. Rydquist, will preach at the Chadwell schoolhouse, Lewis and Clark, Sunday at 10:30, and at Youngs river in the afternoon at 2:30. Both services in English.

Methodist church—Morning service, sermon by the pastor, "Life Through Christ." Special music will be rendered by the choir. At the evening service the following numbers are on the program:

Fear Not, O Israel Specker
Geo. C. Watkins and choir.
A Dream of Paradise Gray
Miss Margaret Bussey and choir.
Ave Maria Millard
Mrs. Geo. C. Watkins.
Hark, Hark, My Soul Shelly
James Vernon and Choir.
Gloria Dudley Buck

Presbyterian church—It is expected that Rev. H. H. Brown will preach morning and evening. Sunday school at 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30; all are cordially invited to these services.

First Congregational church—11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. preaching by the pastor: Morning subject, "The Temptation of Jesus;" evening, "Harmony With the Christ-ity." Sunday school 12:20 p. m. Evangelistic meetings will continue each evening of the week beginning at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Geo. A. Taggart of Rainier and other ministers will be present to assist the pastor.

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